GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD – Smt.K.Kusuma Kumari, Extension Officer (PR&RD), Kothapatnam Mandal, Prakasam District – Disciplinary proceedings initiated – Inquiry – Charge proved - Penalty of stoppage of one (1) annual Grade Increment with cumulative effect – Imposed – Filed W.P.No.11732/2019 – Allowed – Orders of Hon`ble High Court implemented – Punishment set aside - Orders - Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 430 Dated: 24-07-2020.

Read the following:-

1. From GA (V&E) Dept, Vigilance Report No.45, (C.No.4276/V&E/D2/82012), dated 28.05.2015.
2. G.O.Rt.No.743, PR&RD (Vig.IV) Dept., dated:01.08.2015.
3. Explanation of K.Kusuma Kumari, Extension Officer (PR&RD), Kothapatnam Mandal, Prakasam District, dated:28.10.2015.
4. G.O.Rt.No.24, PR&RD (Vig.IV) Department, dated 05.01.2017.
5. From the Addl.Commissioner & Inquiry Officer, O/o.C-PR&RD, Lr.No.567/ CPR&RE/E2.Vig/2010, dated 07.03.2018.
6. Government Memo No.8698/VIG.IV/A1/2015-15, dated 01.11.2018.
7. G.O.Rt.No.465, PR & RD (Vig.IV) Department, dated 26.08.2019
8. Orders of the Hon`ble High Court in WP.No.11732/2019, dated 13-02-2020 filed by Smt.K.Kusuma Kumari, EO (PR&RD), Chimakurthy (M) received along with representation dated 26-02-2020.

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O R D E R :

Whereas in the reference 1st read above, it was brought to the notice of the Government that the General Administration (V&E) Department have conducted enquiry into the allegations levelled against Smt.K.Kusuma Kumari, Extension Officer (PR&RD), Chimakurthy, Thripuranthakam and Kothapatnam Mandals, Prakasam District in allotment of fish tank by conducting auction at Gonugunta (V) in violation of rules along with certain other irregularities and reported that the said individual along with certain other Charged Officers have committed the irregularities mentioned in the Vigilance Report.

2. And whereas the Government after examining the matter have initiated disciplinary action against all the Charged Officers for the irregularities noticed against them in the Vigilance Report and in case of Smt.K.Kusuma Kumari, former EO (PR&RD), Chimakurthy, Tripuranthakam & Kothapatnam Mandals, Prakasam District, three articles of charge have been framed against her, vide reference 2nd read above. As the explanation submitted by the Charged Officers is not convincing, the Government have ordered for common inquiry against all the Charged Officers, vide reference 4th read above.

3. And whereas the Inquiry Officer has submitted the Inquiry report against all the Charged Officers, vide reference 5th read above. In respect of Smt. K.Kusuma Kumari, former Extension Officer (PR&RD), Chimakurthy, Thripuranthakam and Kothapatnam Mandals, Prakasam District, the Inquiry Officer in his findings held that the charge – I framed against the said Charged Officer as not proved and the remaining charges II & III held as partially proved. The Government after examining the Inquiry Report have disagreed with the findings of Inquiry Authority in respect of Charge – I and communicated the disagreement factor to said Charged Officer in respect of Charge–I along with enquiry report vide reference 6th read above and after examining the explanation submitted by the Charged Officer, have imposed the penalty of withholding of one annual grade increment with cumulative effect against the above Charged Officer, vide reference 7th read above.

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4. Whereas Smt.K.Kusuma Kumari, former Extension Officer (PR&RD), Chimakurthy, Thripuranthakam and Kothapatnam Mandals, Prakasam District aggrieved by the above punishment has filed W.P.No.11732/2019. The Hon`ble High Court in its judgment dated 13-02-2020 has given its detailed and elaborate findings on each of the Charge framed against the said Charged Officer and finally allowed the Writ Petition and set aside the impugned G.O.Rt.No.465, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Vigilance-IV) Department, dated 29-07-2019, passed by the Government, vide reference 8th read above.

5. The Government after examining the matter have decided to implement the judgment passed by the Hon`ble High Court in W.P.No.11732/2019 filed by Smt. K.Kusuma Kumari, former Extension Officer (PR&RD), Chimakurthy, Thripuranthakam and Kothapatnam Mandals, Prakasam District. Accordingly, hereby implement the judgment of the Hon`ble High Court in W.P.No.11732/2019 and set aside the orders passed by the Government in G.O.Rt.No.465, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Vigilance-IV) Department, dated 29-07-2019 against the said Charged Officer.

6. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Hyderabad.
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